

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4348

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

AMEMBASSY ROME

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ROME FOR FODAG

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, CD

SUBJ: EMERGENCY FOOD AID TO CHAD

REF: STATE 139469

1. OUR INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF AIRLIFT HAVE BEEN THAT SUCH AN OPERATION WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN ONLY IF STARVATION WAS IMMINENT. THIS IS NOT THE CASE, AND ACCORDINGLY I RECOMMEND THAT AMBASSADOR GABA BE GIVEN A NEGATIVE REPLY TO HIS REQUEST FOR AN IMMEDIATE US AIRLIFT.

2. OVERALL SITUATION LOOKS SOMETHING LIKE THIS: A) NORTHERN REGION HAS BEEN RESUPPLIED BY COMBINATION OF FRENCH AIRLIFT AND TRUCK SHIPMENTS. ENOUGH GRAIN IS PROBABLY IN PLACE TO SEE THE AREA THROUGH THE RAINY SEASON; B) EASTERN AREA TO BE SUPPLIED BY SHIPMENTS FROM SUDAN, WHICH ARE ENROUTE, AND SOME DISTRIBUTION.  
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TION FROM N'DJAMENA. THERE MAY BE A PROBLEM WITH LACK OF GASOLINE AT NYALA IN SUDAN, BUT IF SO, AN AIRLIFT HARDLY SEEMS THE APPROPRIATE SOLUTION. SHIPMENTS FROM N'DJAMENA TO ABECHÉ BY TRUCK CAN CONTINUE DURING RAINY SEASON, ALTHOUGH AT REDUCED RATE, AND AS A LAST EXTREMITY WE COULD INTRODUCE AIRLIFT LATER BETWEEN THESE TWO POINTS, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE STRIPS CAPABLE OF BEING USED EVEN DURING THE RAINY SEASON; C) KANEM AREA REMAINS

SHORT OF GRAIN BUT CAN BE REACHED BY TRUCK, EVEN IF ONLY SPORADICALLY, DURING RAINY SEASON. AS THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT AIRSTRIPS IN AREA, AIRLIFT WOULD BE OF NO ASSISTANCE; D) N'DJAMENA MARKET AREA IS VERY SHORT OF GRAIN BUT SUPPLIES ARE ON THEIR WAY FROM DOUALA AND NGOUNDERE AND CAN PROCEED EVEN DURING THE RAINY SEASON.

3. WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED IF ANY OF THE FOREGOING FACTORS SHOULD CHANGE AND MAKE AN AIRLIFT IMPERATIVE.

4. MET THIS MORNING WITH DIRECTOR OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM REGARDING PROBLEMS OF SHIPMENTS FROM DOUALA/NGOUNDERE/NDJAMENA AND WILL REPORT SEPARATELY ON SERIES OF MEASURES AIMED AT ALLEVIATING THESE. BRADFORD

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